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## OHTO receives \$1 million in relief

by CHAD INGRAM  
Editor

The Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization, of which Haliburton County is a part, is receiving \$1 million from the Federal Economic Development Agency of Ontario to help tourism-based businesses, which have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, prepare to welcome back customers when it is safe for them to do so.

That virtual announcement was made June 1, with Marie-France Lalonde, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, explaining the funding is being used to give tourism businesses grants of up to \$20,000 in order to make adaptations for a safe re-opening including renovations and retrofits, purchasing new technology or digitizing operations, implementing health and safety protocols, and purchasing equipment, including personal protective equipment.

"Today's investment is helping to deliver support to local tourism businesses across Ontario's Highlands," Lalonde said. "Through this funding, we are assisting 70

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### Perfect for paddling

A paddler travels down the Gull River through downtown Minden. Warmer weather in the past few weeks has meant people getting out for some exercise about town. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Austin to depart ASES for Coboconk

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

After almost six years of leading the Archie Stouffer Elementary School community, principal Jane Austin is returning to Ridgewood Public School in Coboconk.

Austin started her career in Ottawa in 1997 at the Ottawa-Carleton Learning Foundation, but soon after returned home to the Kinmount area where she began working at Parkview Public School with the Victoria County Board of Education. Her first permanent position was at the Bobcaygeon Public School in Sept. 1998 and she transferred to Ridgewood Public School in 2002.

"I was a teacher at Ridgewood for several years and my own children all graduated from there," Austin told ASES families in a letter announcing the leadership change. "It is nice to know that if I have to leave a place that has been my home for the past five years that I am lucky enough to be placed at Ridgewood."

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# Businesses get boost from FedDev

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businesses from one of the hardest-hit sectors of this pandemic as they rebuild and prepare for recovery."

Nicole Whiting, executive director of OHTO, thanked the ministry for the funding, saying money had been flowing to about 40 businesses throughout the region, and that there were applications for assistance another 30 businesses underway.

"We are extremely grateful to be working with FedDev Ontario to deliver this important funding. I couldn't be

prouder of our region and the tourism sector we represent," Whiting said. "The COVID-19 crisis has been devastating to our industry, but our operators and our communities have demonstrated they can rise to the challenge with creativity, innovation and resilience. This funding recognizes the value of the effort, commitment, and sacrifices made adapting to provide safe experiences. It has been a privilege to work in collaboration with our partners to support the tourism businesses in our region."

## Total fire ban in Haliburton County

The fire chiefs of Haliburton County's four municipalities declared a county-wide total fire ban on June 1. This means no outdoor burning at any time of day, the ban applying to bonfires and the lighting of fireworks. Violating the ban can result in fines, and for paying the cost of municipal fire service response if a fire department is called to one's property.

-Staff

## Man charged after Highway 35 crash

A 52-year-old Minden Hills man has been charged with the impaired operation of a vehicle and careless driving after the commercial vehicle he was driving north on Highway 35 on the afternoon of May 28 crossed the centre line, striking a rock wall near Clear Lake Road. He'll appear in Minden court on July 7.

- Staff

## Green Party seeks local candidate

Green Party Leader Annamie Paul made a guest appearance at the recent annual general meeting of the newly formed Green Party Electoral District Association for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. This new association is officially recognized by Elections Canada.

Some executive positions were filled at the AGM and one of the first items of business is to find nominees who would

consider being chosen as the local candidate for the next federal election. All voting members; and those interested in becoming members, are invited and encouraged to participate in this search. For contact information go to the Green Party of Canada website and Find Your Riding.

- Submitted



## Farmers at the fairgrounds

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market has returned to the Minden fairgrounds, where it will operate each Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Brisket, beer, vegetables, herbs and honey are just some of the offerings. See more photos on page 4. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



# Councillors discuss collaboration on services

by CHAD INGRAM  
Editor

Haliburton County councillors discussed inter-municipal collaboration on roads work, landfills, bylaw enforcement and other services during a special online meeting May 26.

Councillors, along with the chief administrative officers of the county and its four lower-tier municipalities, discussed recommendations from the service delivery review that was performed last year. That review, completed by Toronto-based firm StrategyCorp, contained a host of recommendations divided into priority areas of roads, bridges and drainage; fire services; waste management; co-ordinated building, septic and bylaw services; planning services; economic development; collaborative procurement; integrated digital strategy; co-ordinated legal services; human resources co-ordination; communications; and overall co-ordination.

"The CAOs believe that all the initiatives that have been identified by StrategyCorp in the roads section should be investigated," Rutter told councillors. "They believe many of them require support of a centralized procurement function."

Rutter added this would require standardized budgeting processes. Recommendations included the bundling of capital projects, co-ordinating joint engineering consulting services and formalizing joint planning of road maintenance.

Rutter said public works staff were discussing collective projects that could then be taken to the lower tiers for approval.

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy wondered if some of those projects would be ready in time for the 2022 budget season.

"That would be our goal, absolutely," Rutter said.

Each of the municipalities maintains its own volunteer fire department, and recommendations in the review pertaining to fire services included integrating training and staff, as well as

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— PAT KENNEDY, DYSART ET AL DEPUTY MAYOR

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exploring a joint training facility.

"[The CAOs] have circled back with the fire chiefs and they're not sure there was a full understanding with the consultant on some of the suggestions that were made," Rutter said.

Under waste management, recommendations include creating structures to co-ordinate approaches to large waste policy and operational challenges.

While residents must currently use landfills within the municipalities where they live or own property, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt wondered if there should be consideration for, say allowing residents of Carnarvon, located in Minden Hills, to use the Maple Lake landfill, located in Algonquin Highlands, since it's geographically closer.

Kennedy said he'd like to see waste disposal become an upper-tier responsibility.

"I know I'm the minority here, but I would really like to see us take waste management up to the county," Kennedy said.

Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said she concurred with Kennedy.

Algonquin Highlands CAO Angie Bird said she thought it was important to have waste management staff involved in the conversation, and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen said she saw waste management as one of the more complicated issues to come out of the service delivery review.

"I guess we'll have to see what the appetite for this is," Danielsen said.

There was some discussion about potential partnering on transporting waste to incinerators as some of the landfills in the county begin to reach the end of their capacity, and Moffatt, pointing to countries in Europe, noted there are more advanced approaches to waste disposal that should be considered.

"There are places that are just so far ahead of us it's embarrassing," Moffatt said. "I really think there's opportunity to be innovative on this."

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he wanted to see uniform building, bylaw and planning policies across the county, with a number of councillors agreeing this made sense.

One recommendation from the service delivery review that is being implemented this year is the creation of an economic development officer position at the county level.



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The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**June 10 – Regular Council Meeting**

**June 24 – Regular Council Meeting**

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Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

### REQUEST FOR TENDER

RFT #RDS 21-07 – Replacement of the Sedgwick Bridge - The Township of Minden Hills is seeking qualified bids to replace the Sedgwick Road Bridge. Respondents are required to conduct a site visit to familiarize themselves with the work. A non-mandatory site meeting is scheduled for Friday June 4 at 10:00 am at Sedgwick Bridge on Sedgwick Road in Gelert, Ontario.

Visit [www.mindenhills.ca/tenders](https://www.mindenhills.ca/tenders) to view the tender document and supporting material. Deadline for submissions is June 14, 2021 by 12:00 noon.

### WEEKDAY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Are you retired? Work weekends? Have some time off? Join us Friday June 25th at the **Minden Fairgrounds** between 9am – 3pm for a weekday household hazardous waste event. Materials must be in labelled, non-leaking containers and must be from a household. Please bring your landfill ID card and remain in your vehicle at all times. Staff will unload your materials for you.

### A MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Minden Skate Park, shuffleboard court and baseball fields are now open to the public. The Minden tennis courts will reopen when resurfacing is complete. When enjoying these outdoor spaces, please maintain a physical distance of 2 metres from others not in your household, and wear a face covering or mask. All public washrooms have also reopened.

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A household hazardous waste event will be hosted at the Scotch Line Landfill on Saturday, June 26th from 8am – 11:30am. Materials must be in labelled, non-leaking containers and must be from a household. Please bring your landfill ID card and remain in your vehicle at all times. Staff will unload your materials for you.

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- Never smoke in bed! To prevent a deadly fire, put your cigarette out before you go to bed.
- Never smoke where oxygen is used (even if it is turned off). Oxygen can be explosive and makes fire burn hotter and faster.
- Fire-safe cigarettes are less likely to cause a fire. These cigarettes have banded paper that can slow the burn of a cigarette that isn't being used.
- Don't throw your cigarette butts out the vehicle windows.



# Principal 'extremely grateful' for ASES experience

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She became vice-principal at Langton Public School in Sept. 2006, and then principal of Parkview Public School in 2008, returning to Bobcaygeon Public School in 2010 and then to Archie Stouffer in 2016.

Austin said it has been an honour to be the ASES principal during that time. To families, she wrote that a change in leadership is a professional growth opportunity for school administrators, and also an opportunity for the school community to experience new perspectives and approaches to learning.

"I want our community to be assured that their contribution to my professional learning regarding the power of leadership, community and family will be carried with me to Ridgewood P.S.," she told the *Times*. "I want them to understand that I am so very thankful for allowing me to be a part of their lives and for allowing me to learn from, with and on behalf of each of them."

ASES is a Leader in Me school celebrating and encouraging leadership qualities for students to develop their full potential outside of simply academics, and Austin said she hopes she is remembered for believing in people and "their potential for leadership and for greatness," noting she thinks the work done as a Leader in Me school has been an important legacy for ASES that she hopes is sustained by the community for years to come.

"What makes Archie Stouffer Elementary School such a special place to be is the role that that school has in the broader community," said Austin. "The school has partnerships within the community that enrich the learning opportunities for our students and their families." Connections with the food bank, the OPP, Point in Time, OEYC, the daycare, Five Counties, local businesses, the municipality and the people of the community are integral, Austin said, "to how we learn and grow in our school."

"This is a unique characteristic that does not happen in all schools," she said.

Austin said the school's focus on leadership and service learning was something that she would carry forward. "The pride I feel for the staff and students as I witness their leadership skills is immeasurable," she said.

The past year of Austin's career has been unique as she worked through the pandemic, which closed schools to in-person learning abruptly in March 2020 and then reopened them in September with public health restrictions in place.

"This past year has been an adventure to be sure," she told the *Times*. "We have all been challenged in different ways in our personal and professional lives and we could not have survived the challenges posed by the pandemic without each other. I am so fortunate to have been a part of a learning community that believes in connection and leadership. We were able to look at the challenges posed by the pandemic and consider what our school mission statement would be to help us steer the course together."

Austin said as a result, the school community has developed stronger relationships, embraced learning about teaching virtually, and has worked as a team to ensure processes and protocols were put in place for everyone's safety while at school.

"The time I have spent as a Wildcat has been incredible," Austin wrote to families. "Our students, staff and families have demonstrated to me daily that learning and leading builds strong communities filled with amazing people and bright futures. I will take my experiences with me as I move to Ridgewood P.S. Please know that Archie Stouffer will always have a special place in my heart and be an important chapter in my story. For that, I am extremely grateful."

Dawn Sudsbury will become Archie Stouffer Elementary School's principal while Mike Gervais will remain as vice-principal.



Jane Austin, principal at Archie Stouffer Elementary School since 2016, will transfer to Ridgewood Public School in Cobocok for the next school year. "The time I have spent as a Wildcat has been incredible," said Austin to families. "Our students, staff and families have demonstrated to me daily that learning and leading builds strong communities filled with amazing people and bright futures." /Submitted photo



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## Little souls

**L**AST WEEK another gruesome chapter in the dark saga of Canada's residential school system was unearthed with the discovery of the bodies of 215 children in unmarked graves on the property of a former school in Kamloops, B.C.

It's an uncomfortable subject for many Canadians. After all, we enjoy an international reputation as painfully polite – the nice ones, the peacekeepers, measured and moderate. But there is a nightmarish elephant lurking in the room, a colonial legacy so horrific it's difficult to think about; a 120-year-long arrangement between the Canadian government, the Catholic Church and other churches that resulted in the deaths of thousands of Indigenous children.

Depending on your age, you may have learned a little or maybe nothing about residential schools when you were in school. Textbooks presented a whitewashed version of history, describing the residential school system as the government's attempt at "cultural assimilation," which in itself is terrible enough, but if we're honest, we know residential schools were about more than that. Disease, starvation, fires, abuse, accounts of murder. Other children drowned or froze to death trying to escape. The legacy of residential schools is not just killing Indigenous culture; it's killing Indigenous children.

Estimates of the residential schools' death toll continue to climb over time. Of the approximately 150,000 children who passed through the system, a few years ago, it was believed some 3,200 had died. The number of deaths confirmed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

now surpasses 4,100, and there are now estimates that as many as 6,000 children died. No one really knows, nor are we likely ever to. The bodies discovered in Kamloops last week are believed to have been previously undocumented. It's possible there are more bodies on the property, and it's possible there are more secret graveyards in other locations across the country.

Picture it, I mean, really picture it. Nuns, priests, headmasters, whoever else, placing the bodies of children into the earth, covered like a dirty secret. Children who'd been ripped away from their families, almost certainly deprived of proper nutrition, almost certainly subject to further emotional, physical or sexual abuse, placed into unmarked graves, their disappearances left to be

a mystery for all time. Some survivors have spoken of children being forced to bury other children.

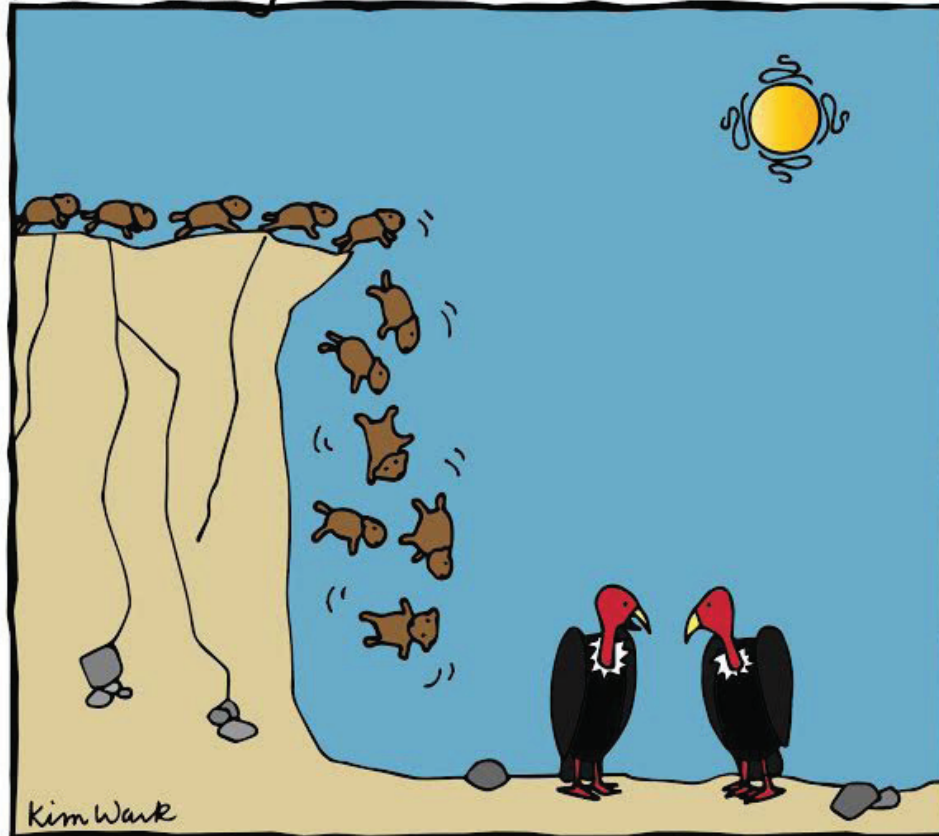
This is the thing we all need to deal with, to collectively come to terms with. We can wear orange shirts and we can lower flags, prime ministers can apologize in the House of Commons and MPs can pass motions, but meaningful change can only come to fruition when we all come to accept and understand the immense, horrendous scope of the truth when it comes to Canada's residential schools.

As Chief Kelly LaRocca of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation put it, last week's discovery "is a stark reminder that genocide formed an integral part of the settlement of Canada. The sooner people recognize this fact, the sooner we will be able to begin to healing as a nation."



**CHAD INGRAM**  
Editor

## Kwarky



"The buffet opens in about ten minutes."

## The intentional muskie

**N**OT TO brag but I have never intentionally caught a muskie on a fly rod. And time will tell if that might be the smartest thing I have ever done.

I have caught several smallish to medium-sized ones unintentionally while targeting other species, but I have never actually tried to do so. Those few were by accident, rather than design. In fact, on most of those occasions, I tried unsuccessfully to get my fly away from the fish before it bit.

That is because I know that muskie are not a fly angler's friend. They can break a rod tip and chew up, destroy, and spit out a fly that took you 15 minutes to build. Oh, and they cut a six-dollar leader with the shake of a head. As you might expect of a fish that snacks on ducklings, they are just not nice.

Worse still, among anglers they are known as the fish of a thousand casts, which presents a different set of problems. Have you seen how long it takes for a fly angler to make one long cast?

Who has the time?

Then there is the fly issue. Muskie flies are expensive and difficult to cast. They are easily influenced by wind and are tied on huge hooks – the kind that you don't want to pass by your ears on forward and back casts, hundreds of times a morning.

All this is to suggest that it takes a special kind of crazy to want to use fly fishing gear to intentionally target muskie.

That's why this Saturday, when the season opens, I will be there with fly rod in hand.

Maybe it's all this social isolation talk-

ing, but this year I believe I have finally achieved a special kind of crazy. Some of you might be surprised by this – you probably thought this achievement happened years ago.

In many ways it makes perfect sense. I have a good muskie lake nearby and quite a few opportunities within easy reach, so why not?

Between you and me, I consider this is a win-win situation. If I hook even one this year, it will be a win. Then again, if these big toothy predators avoid me entirely, that's not so bad either.

In preparation for this season, I have accumulated a big box full of muskie flies that I have tied over the last two years. A muskie fly is like any other fly, except that rather than imitating an insect or a tiny baitfish, they imitate eight-to-14-inch, muskie-sized prey. They are the kind of flies that would cause people to look at you funny should you

walk into an emergency room with one hanging from your ear – especially if it is also attached to a muskie.

I recognize that I have a lot to learn about fly fishing for muskie this year. My main strategy will be pretending I am fly fishing for something else, since that has always worked well for me in the past. I will avoid dressing in duckling colours too.

I'm also developing a fly that looks like a person's foot, because I know one person and have heard of at least two more who have had their feet bitten by muskies. Once I get the bunion and toenail problem settled, that fly will be ready for field testing.

See? Special kind of crazy.



**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



# America: One sick puppy

IT'S REFRESHING to hear a politician say what he or she is thinking, rather than just tonguing to lick up votes.

"It begs the damn question: what the hell is going on in the United States of America?" California Gov. Gavin Newsom said following the massacre of nine people in last week's rail yard shooting.

That was just after the San Jose killings last Wednesday, but just before Sunday's shooting of two dozen people at a Miami rap party.

"What the hell is wrong with us, and when are we going to come to grips with this?" he asked. "When are we going to put down our arms – literally and figuratively – our politics, stale rhetoric, finger-pointing, all the hand wringing, consternation that produces nothing except more fury and frustration ... over and over and over again?"



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

Exactly. What is wrong with Americans and America, a madhouse of "rinse and repeat" cycle of mass shootings now averaging roughly 1.5 a day, based on figures supplied by the U.S. Gun Violence Archive? The archive defines a mass shooting as an incident in which four or more persons are shot and killed or wounded.

There have been roughly 18,000 gun deaths in the U.S. this year to date, more than 600 of them children 17 or younger. Just under 1,500 other children have been wounded.

Individual Americans own 393 million firearms, which is about 46 per cent of civilian-held firearms worldwide, or 120.5 for every 100 residents. Those figures come from the Small Arms Survey, an independent research project in Switzerland.

And, they are buying more. Two million guns were sold in the U.S. this past January alone. Two million new guns in 31 days. That's on the heels of the 17 million bought last year.

Research at the University of Chicago shows that 39 per cent of American households own guns, up from 32 per cent in 2016.

The country is gun crazy. And the crazy things Americans do with the increasing number of guns grows by the day.

It's not just guns and killings. Other signs of America's deteriorating mental state are becoming more evident.

There's the COVID disaster, of course. Thirty-four million cases with 600-plus thousand deaths making the United States, probably the world's most advanced country, with one of the world's worst records in handling the disease.

Then there is the drug pandemic.

Addiction Centre, a company providing information on addiction, says that drug overdose deaths have tripled in the U.S. since 1990. Also, more than 20 million Americans have at least one addiction and that alcohol and drug addiction costs the U.S. \$600 million a year.

Then there's the racism, an issue that needs no elaboration.

The country's healthcare system is a mess; too many people just don't have quality health care. Ditto the education system, in which college costs are far too high and too many kids are condemned to slum schools.

Adding all that up, it's fair to say that the quality of American life is lower than many other developed countries. Americans carry heavy debt loads, work long hours to lighten them and have little time to enjoy themselves and appreciate each other.

Their politics and politicians are no help to them. Ideas, actions, legislation are frozen in blocks of icy partisanship. The U.S. political system now is about as helpful to its citizens as a frozen ballpark frank.

It's an emotionally insecure country, with people seemingly wanting to protect themselves from each other. Why else would they have so many guns?

There is little intelligent focus on the issues in the U.S. and Americans really don't know much about the rest of the world. They are too consumed with 'getting ahead', working long hours to pay the bills resulting from trying to get ahead and with buying guns to kill each other.

Much hope has been placed in the presidency of Joe Biden. But he's only the triage guy in a packed emergency room. The country needs major long-term treatment to get healthy before the Chinese and the Russians move in and start euthanizing the population.

America is one sick puppy. We Canadians should be concerned because Americans are our best friends.

## letters to the editor

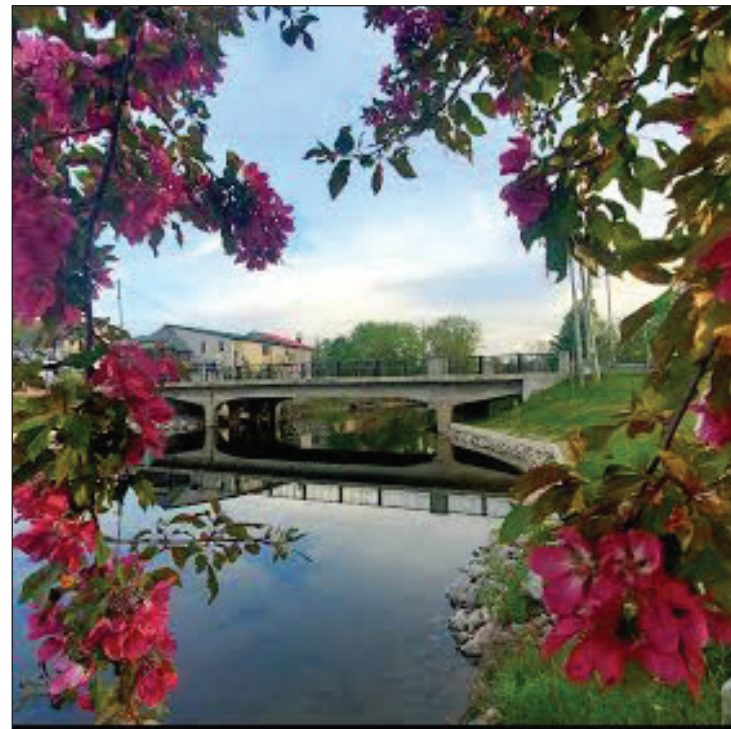
# Grass clippings on Gull Lake

To the Editor,

Further to the letter (*Leaf us alone*) in last week's *Times*, I thought you might like to see some photos depicting the mess on our beach to which Mr. Sward refers. So far this season we have removed 10 truckloads and three trailer loads of "mung" (as we call it), which is basically leaves, twigs and grass clippings thrown into the river by those upriver from Gull Lake. We also get tree limbs and trunks, plus general dock-side garbage. Under the new fee structure, if this is taken to the dump, we estimate a cost of \$600 to \$1,000. This will only increase when residents realize what it will cost to take the leaves to the dump. We would like the municipality to reduce our taxes by the amount they save when their workers blow the grass and leaves from the Riverwalk into the river instead of taking them to the dump.

Also, will we still be able to remove it when the new shoreline bylaw comes in, or is it "natural?"

**M. Robinson**  
Gull Lake



Chantel Smith submitted this photo of a beautiful view of the Gull River.

## Book of the Month - June



Winner of the 2018 HarperCollins/UBC Prize for Best New Fiction, Michelle Good's *Five Little Indians* is told from the alternating points of view of five former residential school students as they struggle to survive in 1960s Vancouver. A memorable cast of characters that includes one student who is finding her way into the dangerous world of the American Indian movement, one who is finding unexpected strength in motherhood, and one who is unable to escape his demons. It's about the characters' struggles and joys, and the bonds of friendship that sustain them all. A Cree author, and member of the *Red Pheasant Cree Nation* in Saskatchewan, this book is inspired by the author's own heart-wrenching experiences. *Five Little Indians* is one of this year's well-deserved Evergreen nominees. It is available to check out today from the Haliburton County Public Library.



# How much is enough?

**T**HE HUMAN body is fascinating. Just when we think we know everything there is to know, somehow, somewhere, does a study and the guidelines change. That is certainly true in the world of fitness.

There was a time that we (personal trainers) were taught that a heavy weight needed to be used for a muscle to get big and strong. In addition, the number of repetitions of a movement with that weight should be done to the point of failure (can't lift another one).

I was never in the fitness business to train athletes. I wasn't interested in coaching people in cutting their marathon times or in helping them build a muscular body. I do appreciate that for some folks exercising is a pastime. Setting goals creates the focus that they need to stick with an activity.

When I started in the fitness industry I set the intention of getting people off the couch and into an activity that had them moving in some way. After more than 15 years of working with clients I have settled on one rule and that is: don't get hurt. Training to "failure" is almost the opposite of that rule.

There are a few negatives around training to failure:

- Fatigue that leads to slower progress due to longer recovery times.



**LAURIE SWEIG**  
*Practical Fitness*

- Risk of injury when pushing past the point where joints (tendons and ligaments) can handle the stress.

- Intimidation that leads to not working out at all because it won't be enough so why bother?

Weight/strength training is a critical part of a healthy fitness program. In addition to improving or maintaining muscles it is also great for bone health. What you do needs to be directly connected to your lifestyle. That has to be a realistic equation. How strong do you need to be? If you want some help determining that, here are some questions to ask yourself:

- How much weight could I safely pick up from the floor (a box containing 1 book, 10 books, 20 books)?

- Can I get up from the floor without using my hands?
- How many bags of groceries can I carry?
- Can I lift up and carry my dog? (I can't – she's a Great Dane)

This is how strength training fits into our lives. Weight training is great and it can be fun but there are so many other

options. The important thing is to stay strong. Generally speaking it's difficult to get out of the sedentary activities that surround us. It's also hard to get up and move again once we have sat down. If picking up and moving heavy stuff isn't part of your daily routine then you need to build strengthening activities into your day. Don't sweat it if you don't own a set of weights (which are next to impossible to purchase these days) there are always push-ups! Some are better than none!

Something to think about.

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## MH to host virtual Canada Day celebrations

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
*Editor*

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a May 27 online meeting of Minden Hills council.*

For the second consecutive year, Minden Hills' massive Canada Day bash in Minden's downtown is cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, the township will host a series of virtual events in honour of the holiday.

While the online festivities are still being developed, there are plans for a fireworks display residents will be able to enjoy virtually, pre-recorded musical performances, scavenger hunts with prizes, quizzes and word searches, and family celebration kits including a variety of activities.

The township received \$5,000 in funding from the federal government's Commemorate Canada program to cover the cost of the programming.

## MH supports short-term rental regs at upper tier

During a May 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting, Haliburton County councillors agreed that conversations surrounding the creation of short-term rental regulations for the county's four lower-tier municipalities should move to the county table, with any regulations or licensing system that may be created enacted across the county in a uniform fashion.

Chief administrative officer Trisha McKibbin told councillors she'd received input from municipal planners in the county on the issue, "and they think it's quite beneficial for the county to undertake this, and that it would be a more comprehensive way of framing the issue and provide an opportunity for a regional approach."

Councillors were supportive of the idea.

"I think it's really important that council does support this resolution," said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, noting a number of lakes in the county, Lake Kashagawigamog for instance, straddle municipal borders and adding it makes sense to have consistent regulations across the board.

Mayor Brent Devolin noted there would be plenty of opportunity for public input on the issue.

"There will be a mechanism for [stakeholders] to have input into this, and ... if this is agreed with across the county, there'll be a plan and strategy to be developed, and that'll be rolled out, and all of those groups will be informed, including members of municipal councils, how they can have direct input into this process," Devolin said.



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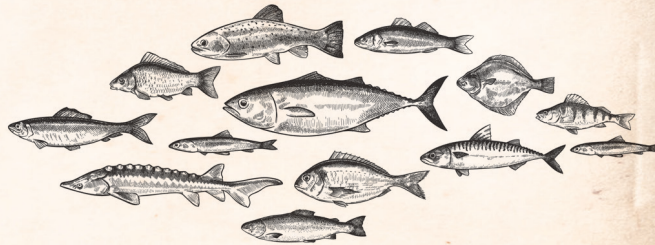
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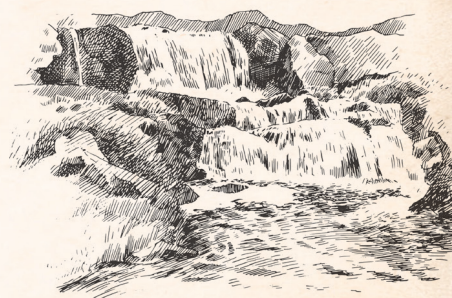
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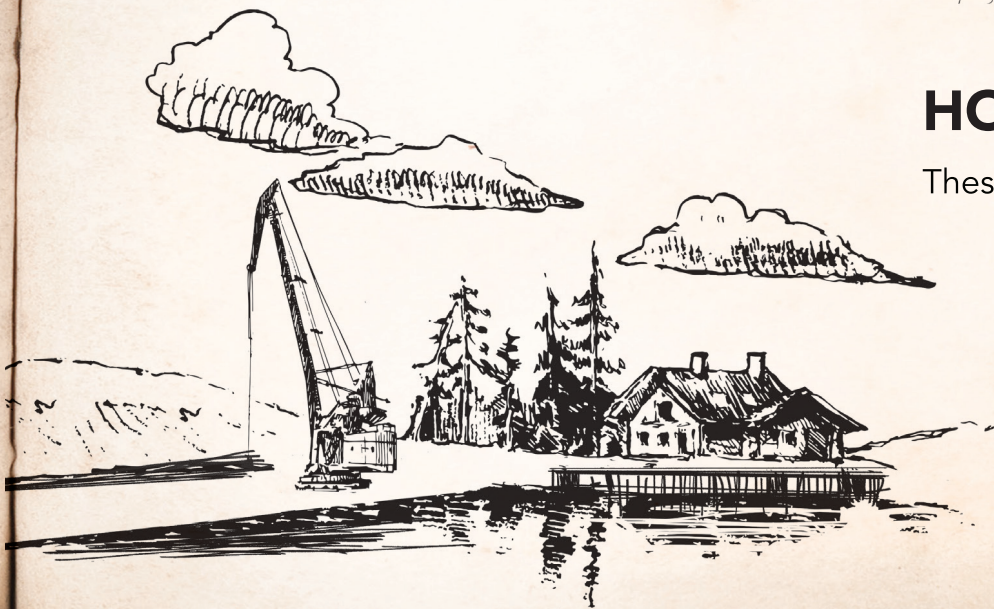


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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Payton Saunders finds his place in the air

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

In some of the stills from videos Payton Saunders has of his parkour and free running skills, he’s completely horizontal – parallel to the ground and appearing to float mid-air. If that’s not incredible enough, pressing play on those videos shows the Minden teen in action, pushing his body to the limit by running up and across walls, twisting so many times in the air it’s not possible to count the turns without slowing down the video, and occasionally screaming with exuberance and achievement as he lands a trick he’s worked hard to master.

It’s only been the past few years that the Grade 10 student has been studying parkour, a type of practice in which a person uses the environment around them to get efficiently from one place to another, and freerunning, in which a person expresses themselves, both sports that use movements including running, vaulting, climbing, flipping, spinning, and yes,

walking on walls.

“I started when I was 12,” said Payton. “There was stuff on YouTube that kind of inspired me to try it. I had a trampoline luckily so I could practise safely, and then I ended up taking it to the ground.”

While some people recognize parkour from movies, it has a long history that is sometimes attributed to the French military and obstacle courses used for military training in the early 1900s and during the world wars, and was named and further developed in the 1980s.

“It isn’t just always off of buildings,” said Payton. “That’s what most people think. You can put it on buildings if you want to, but it’s mostly on ground level.”

Payton has always been athletic, referring to himself as a “jumpy kid” - he was quite fond of Van Halen’s *Jump* as a child. While track and field and swimming have long been interests, he began dedicating himself to parkour and free running, sometimes practising up to six hours a day.

“I started getting into twists and started doing flips off the walls, which was fun,” he said. “It feels pretty good once you

know what you’re doing.”

He seems to take to the air effortlessly, using whatever obstacle is around him to help aid his movement.

“If it’s a flip I’ve been doing for years, it feels like nothing,” he said. “The hardest thing I’ve done so far is a standing back double twist.”

It took him a year to work on and perfect that. And then one day he landed it.

“Oh, I was like, screaming,” he said. “I was super excited.”

Payton is self-taught, learning online through a community in which some of his closest friends are in Ottawa and Toronto, while others are further off around the world. He follows about 700 other people of all ages who also train.

“I’ve never met [in person] anybody else who does it,” he said. “It’s a good sport, I feel like people would have a good time with it because it’s not mainstream like it used to be any-

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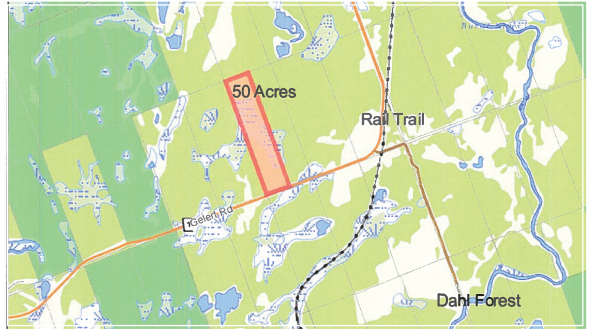
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Parkour a passion for Minden teen

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more. The community’s actually really fun. You make such good friends when you’re a part of it. I have friends online who do parkour, and they’re the nicest people ever.”

While Payton can see something useful in a simple rail or wall, the sport requires physical fitness and knowledge and ability for techniques that include bounce, the swing of the arms, and how a body is tucked.

“It takes a lot of mentality, I guess, it’s really hard to commit to sometimes,” said Payton. “There’s just so much. There are hundreds and hundreds of moves I haven’t tried. You can even make up your own moves too, that’s the cool thing about parkour.”

While he hasn’t made his own move yet, Payton has hundreds of followers on Instagram, and has made his first how-to tutorial available on YouTube.

Payton’s mom, Kerri-Lynne Baayen, calls him a “parkour powerhouse.”

“It was just one day coming home from work, and out of the corner of my eye I could see the first flip in the air,” she said. “I was pulling into the driveway and I was like, what are you doing! You’re going to break yourself!”

Payton, knowing his mom would have concerns with the sport – which can come with risk as people are training and if they don’t keep safety in mind – was practising when she wasn’t home, but now she is aware of his interest and supports his training. So far he’s had one broken bone, after second-guessing himself in the air about three years ago, but resumed practising as soon as he had healed.

“Everyone said, is this going to slow him down?” said Kerri-Lynne. “No, he’s just going to be a little more careful ... You can stand and watch for so long, and you can either sit and sweat it out while you watch him do it, or just have faith that he’s going to be good at it, and he has been so far.”



Payton Saunders, 16, has practised parkour and freerunning for years, using both manmade and natural objects to help him jump, twist and flip in the air. /Photo submitted

She is relieved that he generally practises on low-to-the-ground obstacles, that he knows what “mom would say no to,” that he is learning what he is allowed and not allowed to do depending on where he is – they have had “some talks” – and that he is aware that others might mimic him though they have not practised as long as he has.

“He had put in the hours to dedicate to practising this,” said Kerri-Lynne. “It’s not something you just pick up.”

Payton’s grandmother was a gymnast, causing Kerri-Lynne to note, “you can see it in the family.”

His determination, commitment and his interest in the sport make Kerri-Lynne proud, posting his efforts to social media to share with friends. “Everybody has to find their own niche, I would never have thought that this was going to be it,” she said. “He started looking up things on the internet, he’d check out how to do a certain flip, and then he’d go out and he would practise, and practise, and practise, until he nailed it ... The whole world is his playground, it doesn’t matter if it’s a tree stump or a side wall or anything. Everything, he can utilize.”

Kerri-Lynne said it’s amazing that he picked up the sport on his own.

“It makes me so proud that he’s so focused, and that he has a list of goals,” she said. “It’s a long list and there are all these crazy parkour names and he has a checklist and checks them off, and does what he does.”

It has been especially important to Payton because it has helped him deal with struggles in school and with social interaction. He has been “super shy,” said Kerri-Lynne, but the sport gave him an outlet to socialize as he has had people – friends, family and strangers - ask questions about the practise after seeing him in action.

“Once he picked this up, you could see improvements in everything,” she said. “How he would interact with teachers, how he would hold his temper in and how he controlled it. This is definitely something that has made him open up and find who he is. Before I don’t think he knew where he was supposed to be in the world and now this is his thing.”

To see Payton’s training, visit <https://www.instagram.com/parkour.payters/>

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# Get a taste of soul from Val's

by **DARREN LUM**  
*Times Staff*

A short drive from downtown Minden will bring your taste buds to faraway lands at Val's Soul Food where the dishes are slow-cooked and infused with love.

Operated by the mother and daughter team of Val Braithwaite and Layla Johnson from Toronto, they said food is a universal gateway to another culture.

They are serving up savoury "soul food" offerings at their food truck located on the grounds of Ray's Place, located on 6254 County Road 121.

Johnson encourages people who have never tried soul food – which includes items such as chicken roti on the weekends, samosa, curry chicken with rice, jerk chicken wings – to take a chance on trying something new.

"It's one of those things where you get to experience someone else's culture ... the way they appreciate food. Everyone has a way with food. Mum's way is quite special," she said.

Braithwaite, who has 30 years of experience, has enjoyed being able to introduce people to new flavours and experiences, such as her curry chicken.

"I love it. It's just in the way it takes time to cook it. Slow cooking. A little bit of spice," she said, specifying the spice is not extreme, for palates unfamiliar with it.

She adds it's important for her to carry on this generational family knowledge passed on to her, and be able to share it with others.

"Soul food comes from a tradition of a combination of southern, West Indian,



Val's Soul Food's Layla Johnson, left, and Val Braithwaite are the daughter-mother duo behind the food truck, offering "soul food" – a blend of southern, west Indian, African and Canadian cuisine. Located at Ray's Place off of County Road 121, the food truck opened autumn and with a pause in the winter and resumed operations in May. See [www.valssoulfood.com](http://www.valssoulfood.com) for more information. /DARREN LUM Staff

African and Canadian. I learned how to cook from both of my parents," she said. "[Cooking] through the generations. It's comfort food with a southern flair."

Her daughter said her mother takes a lot of time and care making all the dishes. She feels fortunate to be part of the lineage to carry on her family heritage.

Braithwaite said her family settled in London, Ontario after making the journey from the U.S. as slaves via the underground

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# Ray's Place home to food truck

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railroad.

"My family goes back several generations in Canada," she said. "My ancestors came up as slaves and travelled on the underground railroad and settled down near London, Ontario. We've been in Canada a long time. The traditions of the old-fashioned cooking and the flavours have been passed on."

Val's Soul Food's menu also includes standard food truck fare from burgers and fries, beef on a bun, and wings to pork chops and roast beef. Braithwaite points out all the dishes use fresh ingredients and are made daily. The well-portioned banquet burgers are made with fresh ground beef patties, topped with crisp lettuce, full-size bacon strips and cheese.

Sweet tooth? The duo are also capable bakers and have had the crowds to prove it.

Braithwaite said her pastries and butter tarts have garnered awards from community fairs.

Johnson enjoys baking her "designer cupcakes" as she gets to express her artistic side, which is also on display with a mural on the food truck.

"I'm an artist at heart, so just having that time to create and play around with the different colours, flavours. It's been fun," she said.

Although the pair paused for the winter after opening in the autumn of 2020, they have been given assurances by Ray's Place owners about a plan to have a new space on the property, so Val's Soul Food can operate all year.

The sharing of food and company on Sundays is a family tradition the pair want to have here once the restrictions related to COVID-19 are over. The plan is to have a drop-in, between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. with a by-donation event, so families can come, eat and socialize.

The decision to start the food truck came after a series of challenges from a serious car accident for Johnson, the loss of husband and father in 2016, and a stroke by Braithwaite in early 2019, which left her in a coma-like state for several weeks and included months in the hospital. There was such a proliferation of cooking after getting out from the hospital, the portions became too much for them to consume alone, so they ended up sharing the bounty.

"So I started to give it to family and friends and then when COVID hit we had the idea of, let's see if we can post this and see if anybody in the community wants to have a home-cooked meal because you can't get out. I was dropping it to like over 30 people in the area. We had such good feedback from it. There was one lady she's like, 'I haven't been able to see my family and I don't cook, so having this home-cooked meal was so special.' She cried. She was so happy. We felt like we were really helping and giving back," she said. "When we first opened we kept that going. We didn't have any set prices. It was just by donation, or whatever you felt. We can't continue to do that, but we do want to do it on Sundays."

Although Braithwaite has run restaurants in Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls, she has not had a place in the Highlands before and saw the potential in Minden after a recommendation from friends in the general area as a way to return.

Coming back to rural Ontario from Toronto was a return rooted in love for the beauty of the area and, in particular, its people.

"For me it's the people. The people up here are very, very special. They're very welcoming and it's a simpler way of life and I love to interact with the people," Braithwaite said.

Her daughter said life here is different to the city.

"People will stop you and want to chat. They're friendlier. It's not the hustle and bustle of the city. Everyone has time to kind of reflect. Everyone has a story," Johnson said.

She adds it's important to be a positive representation for people to see.

"We are kind of like the first of the first in this area. It's nice to be that doorway of connecting people, and better understanding between people," Johnson said.

Her daughter said there was a prevailing feeling when they came to the area that this was the place for them.

"We felt it right away. This is the spot. We're going to try and make something here. It's been wonderful," Johnson said.

The food truck operates Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and weekends from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more up to date information about the food truck such as hours and specials see [www.valssoulfood.com](http://www.valssoulfood.com).



Val's is serving up some soul for people to savour, as seen with the daily special "soul in a bowl" with such delectables as curry chicken with rice, jerk chicken, and a side of samosas./  
**DARREN LUM**  
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# Progress Pride flag to fly at TLDSB schools

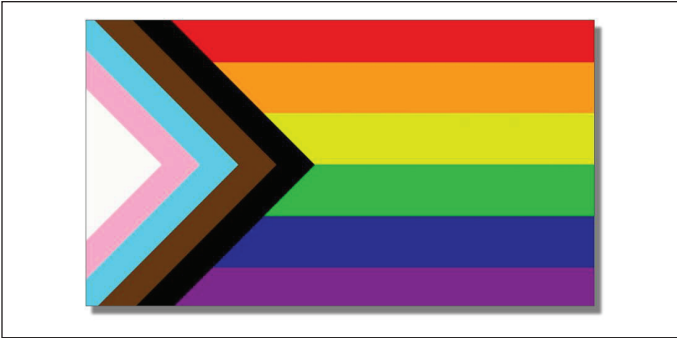
by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the board of trustees meeting of Trillium Lakelands District School Board held virtually on May 25.

As reported in the *Times*, at the May 11 TLDSB board meeting, it was announced that the Progress Pride flag will be raised at the Muskoka Education Centre and Lindsay Education Centre for the month of June. At the most recent board meeting, Jennifer Johnston, superintendent of learning, said that in support of Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Plus communities, the Progress Pride flag will also be raised at schools throughout the Trillium Lakelands District School Board region from June 21 to June 30.

“Since 2012, TLDSB has promoted positive space as one of many opportunities for system learning under the umbrella of Ontario’s equity and inclusive education strategy,” said Johnston, at the May 11 meeting. “There are students, staff, parents and guardians in our school communities who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus. The goal of positive space has always been to create and identify safer inclusive spaces for LGBTQ+ communities within TLDSB.”

The Progress Pride flag, which expands



The Progress Pride version of the Pride flag chosen to fly at TLDSB education centres will also fly at TLDSB schools. / Submitted

upon the classic rainbow Pride flag, was selected through consultation with student trustees as the variation of the rainbow flag “as a symbol of respect and celebration of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community” to be flown by TLDSB this year. The flag was designed in 2018 to represent inclusion and intersectionality between racialised identities and gender identity alongside sexuality.

Positive Space documents and website pages will also be updated, and educators are to be supported with curriculum connections and resources “to further embed 2SLGBTQIA+ perspectives into classroom instruction.”

“The rainbow colours of the Pride flag have long been a symbol of hope and peace and raising the flag will visibly highlight the continued commitment to ensuring equity, dignity, well-being, diversity and inclusion of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in TLDSB,” read highlights from the board meeting.

## End-of-school year return a waiting game

TLDSB director Wes Hahn said that while the school board wants “students back in school,” they continue to wait for the go-ahead from the chief medical officer of health, ministry, and public health units, noting that the government’s re-opening plan is based on vaccinations.

The meeting happened Tuesday, prior to Premier Doug Ford’s letter on Thursday [May 27] to medical experts, educators and health organizations looking for input on how schools might open safely for the remainder of the school year in light of modelling showing a surge in COVID-19 cases by the end of July if schools were to reopen in June, teachers and education staff having received only a first dose of vaccine and possibility that the vaccines are not effective against the variant first identified in India. Ford requested a response to seven questions by the next day, Friday at 5 p.m.

Dr. David Williams, chief medical officer of health, said Tuesday [May 25] he would like to see schools reopen prior to the province’s reopening in mid-June, and said most public health units support reopening

schools.

“The vaccines are really rapidly moving along quite quickly,” said Hahn. “And again I’ll make this statement, a very positive statement, that this really has an impact on us returning in September, because we will have most of our staff vaccinated, and our [students aged] 12-to-17-year-olds starting on May 31. We will have a considerable amount of our students and staff vaccinated so that’s very, very positive for us and it’s moving quickly.”

## Planning for September full of ‘moving pieces’

The school board is currently planning for both in-school and at-home learning for the 2021/22 year.

TLDSB parents were asked to register for online learning by June 1, or be placed in in-school learning in September.

“We recognize that this may be a difficult choice and ask that you carefully consider your decision, as students will not have the opportunity to switch learning options during the school year,” said the May 20 letter home to parents.

Hahn acknowledged the decision was difficult for parents who want to know more about what school options will look like prior to making a choice, but also that the school board could not plan without knowing how many students would be enrolled in each option.

“That’s really important that we have those numbers first,” he said. “I know that’s a difficult one for parents because we want to know exactly what it looks like first. We can’t do

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Answers on page 19

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## Haliburton County Virtual Primary Care Clinic

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If you live in Haliburton County and do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner, you are eligible to seek care at the new Haliburton County Virtual Primary Care Clinic.

The Clinic will operate for two half-days a week to start, and may scale up or down depending on community need.

Patients will meet with a family doctor through a secure Ontario Telemedicine Network video session, with the assistance of a nurse.

Patients will experience consistent care, as they work with the same physician over time. They will be transitioned to a local family doctor when one becomes available.

Book an appointment by calling  
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The Community Programs team will help you register with Health Care Connect and ensure you don't already have a family doctor. The Clinic will not offer walk-in services - all appointments must be pre-booked.



# Hahn says hybrid learning isn't TLDSB's 'preferred model'

from page 14

that because we can't build something knowing our staff and our budget are so tight, without having the exact numbers because the student numbers really direct where our staffing goes. Until we know where those students are going to reside for next year, we have to get those numbers first.

"I think you know how much time right now and how much attention is planned for September," said Hahn. "It's not an easy process, because it involves a lot of pieces like budget, like staffing, and we don't take that lightly because we can't afford to make any mistakes. We know how tight our budget is with regards to supporting our September plan.

"The other part to this, we know that there are varying parent views to returning to school or remaining at Learn at Home, or wearing masks - there's all sorts of different views. We understand parents are looking out for the best interests of their children and we expect that and appreciate that but there's a number of things that we have to follow."

Hahn said a quadmester or octomester setup was being looked at for secondary school again, and that many of the pandemic-related protocols put in place last year would remain this year.

"We do know as of today there will be cohorting still in place, masking still in place, our health and safety protocols and cleaning will still be in place, but that could all change and those directives could be changing as we get closer to September," he said. "But right now, that's what it's looking at. Not a whole lot of change in school, in elementary."

For learn at home students in elementary school, a synchronous component, in which a teacher is teaching live to students, would still be in place.

"Will it be a Learn at Home school like we ran this year? We don't believe so because the numbers aren't showing that there's that many students wanting to access Learn at Home. But again, these are just the things that we're looking at right now and as we get more numbers we'll have a better idea."

"As far as secondary remote learning goes, the numbers are right now preliminary very low," he said. "So again we will have to look at the students who choose that remote learning and potentially look at how we're going to set up their course selections to look at how they can be successful - that might mean some kind of connection to the secondary school, or some kind of connection to our VLC or e-learning component."

Hahn said the school board was encouraging all parents to complete re-registration by June 1. He said a full report would be brought to trustees at the June 8 meeting.

"We want to have this in place by the end of June, first week of July," he said. "We be-

lieve parents need to know that, students and staff need to know that, we're trying to avoid a massive rush to do things in a week, and everyone's scrambling around in late August to try to get this ready. Having said that, it's quite clear, the ministry has already indicated they will probably give us updates, somewhere in the middle of August, and those updates could be further directives about how we're going to move into September.

"So, lots of moving parts, and it's still going to be moving right up until September, so we're trying to do the best we can to get organized for parents, to get organized for staff, and stay ahead of it so that we're not scrambling. Our goal is to keep it stable, not introduce a whole lot of change and make sure people can manage this in the best way possible."

Trustee Louise Clodd said she and other trustees had received many e-mails from parents and teachers about not wanting a hybrid model, in which live in-class, as well as synchronous at-home learning, would be taking place.

"At this point in time the hybrid model is not a model we are considering," said Hahn. "We believe that we can fulfill what we need to do through our synchronous elementary model and both our supportive secondary students through VLC or e-learning or other modules. As you know the hybrid model that has received a lot of attention has obviously the teacher focused not only on students in their classroom but students who are also connected to the class at home. At this point in time we're not looking at that model, we're looking at an octomester or quad model and as we start to build that through the month of June and into July we believe we can make it work through those models."

Trustee Gary Brohman asked if there might become a need to go to a hybrid model once the "moving parts," mentioned by Hahn were all in place, specifically in secondary school if the number of students registered at home might be low.

"I think it's a good question, Gary," said Hahn. "I wouldn't say we wouldn't ever look at it. Right now it's not our preferred model and we think right now with the funding that we have and the student registrations that we have potentially coming forward that we can make it work otherwise. If things change, we'd definitely bring it forward, but it is not a preferred model that we are looking at, at this time. It is not."

## Next meeting

The last board meeting of the 2020-2021 year takes place on June 8, virtually, at 6:30 p.m. and is available online after the meeting as well. For more information, visit <http://www.tldsbc.ca>.

COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by County							
County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	0	0	118	117	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	74	0	1,014	897	40	43	13
Northumberland	13	0	922	892	31	17	0
Total	87	0	2,054	1,906	74	61	13

## Haliburton County COVID-19 case-free

In the June 1 data upload from the local health unit, Haliburton County has continued a streak of no new or active confirmed COVID-19 cases. City of Kawartha Lakes reported two new cases on June 1, while Northumberland County reported no new cases. For more information visit <http://www.hkpr.on.ca>. /HKPRDHU website screenshot

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### COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A TELECONFERENCE CALL

TAKE NOTICE that the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: **MONDAY, June 14, 2021**

TIME: 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a teleconference call. To participate:

Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588

Enter Meeting ID 995 0238 0822 and Passcode: 443187

Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:

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Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/qedMuHX1tAc>

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2020034**, **PLMV2021022**, **PLMV2021034** and **PLMV2021035**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

**PLMV2020034** - Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1008 Kitty Cat Lane; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the reconstruction of the existing 190.7 sq.m. (2,052.7 sq.ft.) single storey dwelling, inclusive of the attached open deck with a new 213.9 sq.m. (2,302.4 sq.ft.) two storey dwelling and attached open deck, and having a walkout basement. The variance sought would allow for a reduction in the required 23 m (75'6") setback from the High Water Mark to 16.06 m (52'8") to an open deck and 19.1 m (62'8") to a dwelling and increasing the height from 5.49 m (18') to 10.5 m (34'5") whereas otherwise an increase in height of no more than 1.2 m (3'11") for a non-complying building is permitted.



**PLMV2021022** - Part of Lot 27, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 8700 Highway 35; and located on Moore Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of an addition measuring 53.5 sq.m. (576 sq.ft.) to the existing 80.3 sq.m. (864 sq.ft.), non-complying, dwelling. The variance sought would allow for a 67% increase in size whereas 25% is otherwise the maximum permitted for a non-complying dwelling located 19.8 m (65') from the High Water Mark.



**PLMV2021034** - Part of Lot 23, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1092 Leary's Lane; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of two (2) additions and a screened porch have a total ground floor area of 195.5 sq.m. (2,104 sq.ft.) together with two (2) open decks having a total ground floor area of 36.2 sq.m. (390 sq.ft.). The variance sought would allow for an 88.5% increase in size for a non-complying building whereas 25% is otherwise the maximum permitted and would further allow for a reduction in the required 23 m (75'6") setback from the High Water Mark (HWM) of 20.6 m (67'7") to the screened porch and 22.5 m (73'9") and 22.7 m (74'4") to each of the open decks, respectively. Each of the additions would exceed the 23 m (75'6") setback to the HWM.



**PLMV2021035** - Part of Lot 1, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1083 Boyd Road; and located on Brady Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a 57.6 sq.m. (620 sq.ft.) addition, 14.5 sq.m. (156 sq.ft.) screened porch and 46.3 sq.m. (498 sq.ft.) attached open deck to an existing non-complying dwelling. The variance sought would allow for a 50.7% increase in size for a non-complying building where as 25% is otherwise the maximum permitted and would further allow for a reduction in the required 23 m (75'6") setback from the High Water Mark (HWM) of 19.6 m (64'2") to the addition, 16.6 m (54'5") to the screened porch and 16.2 m (53'2") to the open deck.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding these applications are available online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

**HAVE YOUR SAY:** Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:** To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail [adougherty@mindenhills.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhills.ca).

**ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE**, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

Interested parties are encouraged to join 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time. For additional information on participating in an electronic hearing visit: [www.tinyurl.com/yycataqao](http://www.tinyurl.com/yycataqao)

If you are interested in participating in the hearing you are encouraged to contact the undersigned prior to the meeting date with any questions you may have

and/or to provide any material for the Committee's consideration at the hearing.

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**PRIVACY DISCLOSURE:** As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact [adougherty@mindenhills.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhills.ca).

Amanda Dougherty  
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment  
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0

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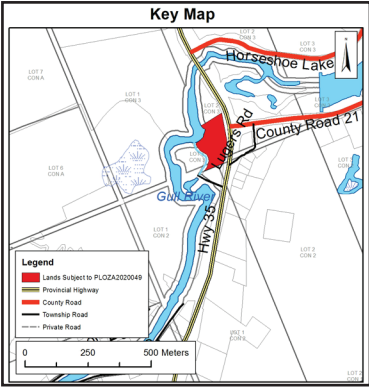




NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING  
CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT  
AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT  
(AS REVISED BY THE APPLICANT)  
VACANT LAND AT HIGHWAY 35 & COUNTY ROAD 21 (PLOZA2020049)

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Official Plan & Zoning By-law. The site specific amendments apply to property located west of Highway 35 at County Road 21 (see Key Map below).

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The subject property is presently zoned Highway Commercial (C1) and is located within the Service and Business Area designation of the Township's Official Plan. A revised proposal has been received which would re-designate and re-zone the property to allow for 36 dwelling units (versus 30 previously) which are proposed as 9 multiple (fourplex) dwellings (versus 15 duplex dwellings previously) whereas residences are not otherwise permitted within existing Zoning and Official Plan Designation. The proposed amendments would designate the land for the intended residential use and provide site-specific exceptions to the proposed Residential Type Two (R2) Zoning to allow a driveway entrance measuring 10m. (32'9") in width whereas 9m. would otherwise be required; to allow for 1.4 parking stalls per dwelling (1.3 previously) for a total of 51 stalls, of which 16 provide for accessible parking whereas 72 stalls, would otherwise be required; and, to allow a lot frontage of 5.5m./unit whereas 7m./unit would otherwise be required.



**AND TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a **Public Meeting**, as required under the Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendments. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendments during the Public Meeting.

**DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLOZA2020049**  
Date: THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Location: This will be held as a virtual meeting

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO WATCH THE MEETING** can do so by joining the live-stream link, available on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/zzPmFrGCC-0>

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE AND MAKE COMMENT/SPEAK AT THE MEETING** regarding the changes to the proposed amendments are encouraged to pre-register by emailing [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca) by **4:00 PM Wednesday, June 23rd**. You may also attend the meeting and register the morning of June 24th **before 8:30 AM**. Participants registering after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment or at such time as the Township offices re-open and is available online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at [adougherty@mindenhills.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhills.ca) or by phone at 705-742-2297 ext. 278.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at [adougherty@mindenhills.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhills.ca).

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**DATED** this 2nd day of June, 2021  
Amanda Dougherty, Planning Consultant  
7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359  
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1083 BONIS LANE (PLOZA2021003)

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**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The subject property is presently zoned a site-specific Shoreline Residential Exception Forty-four (SR-44) and is located within the Special Policy Waterfront Four designation of the Township's Official Plan both of which permit the two existing dwellings situated on the one lot subject to the current application. The proposed amendments would remove the provisions which allow for two dwellings on one property in order to facilitate a proposed severance of the lot legally dividing the two dwellings onto separate lots measuring 0.11 ha. (0.27 ac.) in area with 30.5m. (100') of frontage; and, 0.29 ha. (0.72 ac.) in size with 79m. (260') of frontage.

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Date: THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021  
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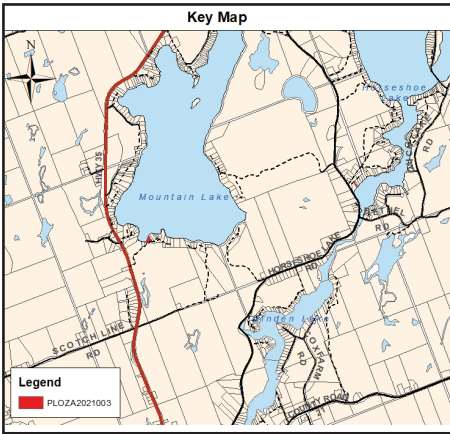
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# Former Storm players join Huskies

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

It's been a few years, but local boys Ryan Hall and Joe Boice are looking forward to playing a full season together for the first time since winning the OMHA championship while playing for the Highland Storm as peewees in 2015.

The pair are excited about being able to live and play at home where friends and family will be able to watch and cheer for them while playing for the Ontario Junior Hockey League's Haliburton County Huskies at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

Hall said the opportunity to play in the Highlands was an exciting prospect after being away for all of his junior hockey career, which brought him to the Whitby Fury – who will be rebranded as the Huskies – via trade last season.

The Haliburton player with two years of experience in the OJHL, having played for the Lindsay Muskies and the Trenton Golden Hawks, listed several advantages of playing for the Huskies.

"Just living at home. Just kind of playing in front of a hometown crowd for once. Just being close to the rink and not having to billet anywhere," he said. "It just felt good because I'd been away a long time playing hockey every year. It's been a while since I played here and lived here in the winter."

He loves hockey and always wanted to play major junior hockey and make it to the NHL, but he has accepted this could be his final year of playing and he appreciates getting to finish at home and having the opportunity to mentor younger players.

"I guess playing in front of people that I know. Even like younger kids that are inspired to be at the level that me and all the other people that are on the team some day ... inspiring little kids. Just helping out in the community is nice too because every other team I've been on we've done a lot of stuff. It's nice to help out and give back and go into the schools. Or go on the ice with the younger kids and staff. I always thought that would be nice," he said.

Hall remembers how hockey fandom here can reach a feverish pitch, particularly during a championship run.

"When I played high school hockey there was always a lot of fans and when I was in [peewee] we won the all-Ontario [championship] with the Storm. It was crazy. Minden and Haliburton arena were both packed every game. It was really amazing," he said.

That was the last full season he played with his friend, Boice.

"We haven't got to play since that time together when we won the championship. It's nice to have hometown guys. Guys that know the area. Knows the experience of Haliburton ... show Haliburton County experience to everybody and show what Haliburton County is about," he said.

Boice, who signed with the team as a free agent last season, played seven games [regular and playoffs] due to a shortened season because of COVID-19. He left an impression on the coach and his teammates for his imposing size at well over 6-feet tall and his physicality, but also his sense of humour.

"He likes to play that physicality game, which is nice. He'll stick up for any teammate and he'll start that learning process of being a junior A hockey player ... he obviously had a taste. We check in with him all the time. He's working out with Owen Flood in his home gym right now and is putting in the time needed to be ready for training camp come August," Hall said.

Off and on the ice Boice has exhibited a strong work ethic, he adds.

Boice has shown to get along with the other players, making everyone smile.

"Joe's a funny kid. He keeps spirits flowing and happy. He is a character kid for sure. All the older guys thought he was pretty funny last year when he came in," he said.

The team's head coach and GM Ryan Ramsay said this season presents a unique

opportunity for the two local players to not just play a high level of hockey, but also to do it at home.

"At their home centre I don't think they would really have imagined it a year ago, or six months ago. I'm sure they are excited getting to play in front of their hometown crowd," he said.

Boice said "It's a dream come true playing for your home team."

The 18-year-old from West Guilford, who played a season for the Red Hawks has aspirations to take his skills to college level hockey.

After his short stint with the Fury (now Huskies), he said there was a level of comfort that he reached in his rookie year and will be able to carry forward to this season.

He hopes with a junior team in the Highlands it will inspire younger players to work towards playing in the league.

"I just want to see kids in the community playing good hockey," he said.

His role-models growing up were current

NHL player Matt Duchene and retired NHL player Bernie Nicholls.

Team owner Paul Wilson said adding the local players to the roster was important for the fan connection, but was also related to the character they both possessed, which fit with the team culture.

"We want these kids to be gentlemen. We want them to be educated because a lot of them are playing for us when they could play in the OHL, but they want scholarships to U.S. universities. I think the community is going to find that these guys are all gentleman. They're serious. They're not out there partying. They're wrapped up in the hockey 100 per cent," he said.

Ramsay said the two local players were chosen for their skills on the ice and their character off of it.

Ramsay called Hall a "great kid" that works hard, possesses a strong skill set, and displays strong hockey IQ.

"He's blossomed into a really good OJHL defenceman," he said. "He has great character. He's a quiet kid, but he leads by example on the ice and off the ice, which is obviously a great [characteristic] to have from a coaching perspective."

This will be Hall's third year in the league, so the coach said he'll be looked upon for leadership and to help with the newer players. Being local, Hall will also be expected to educate the visiting players about the culture and what life is like here in the Highlands.

At first glance, the two additional years of experience doesn't seem like much, but there is a maturation process that occurs, as far as playing and how to cope

"From minor hockey to junior, it's a big jump. I think it takes at least 20 games for a player to adapt and then you're really going to see if he's junior ready. It's a big jump to go from. The big thing is offensive players in minor hockey are used to being the big man on campus. When you come up you're playing against guys that are two to four years older than you that might have 50 or 60 pounds on you, so it's more of a man's game, or mature game where – body contact is a big part in our league, puck possession – they just don't win those battles, really, when they first come up until they can learn to play

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation Thursday, June 24, 2021 2:00 p.m.

(Meeting Agenda - Business of the Corporation: Reports of the CEO and Board, Chief of Staff, Auditor, Foundation, Nominating Committee, Election of Directors, and Appointment of Auditors)

Due to the limitations on public gatherings mandated by the government of Ontario as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom application. In order to participate, Corporation members and members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate.

For further information or to arrange for an invitation, please contact:

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# Ramsay excited for team to play in Haliburton County

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bigger or play in the grey areas in those corners,” he said. He adds the greatest jump from minor to junior to over-come is in the defensive zone.

Ramsay said the anticipation of being able to play in front of hundreds of people is exciting.

“It’s everything. When you play in front of a packed crowd obviously emotions run higher. Energy level gets up as well. It’s exciting to play in front [of a crowd]. Coming from Whitby, we obviously didn’t have a crowd. It’s not a good atmosphere to play in. To watch a game with an empty crowd you can hear a pin drop. There’s no atmosphere. There’s no game day experience for the fan coming in,” he said.

He adds a large fan presence can affect how the opposing team plays.

“When we go to Wellington, Trenton. You know when the crowd is loud, and you know, the team is feeding off the fan’s energy, it really plays that sixth man factor ... which I’m excited to be part of and get up here and get going on the ice,” he said.

During the season, he adds, its challenging to be up for every game, particularly after a road trip.

The fans can help raise the spirits and create momentum when team energy is low.

Ramsay and Wilson will be facilitating a variety of outreach opportunities for the players to connect with the community, whether it’s to help bag groceries at the local supermarkets, autograph sessions, pickup ball hockey games, or help minor hockey teams any way they can, which can include instruction or just collecting pucks.

These efforts, Ramsay said, can help with encouraging more children to play and can have a mutual benefit for the children, who gain a role-model to look up to and the players, who get a sense of giving back to the community.

As a nine-year-old, he remembers skating with the Wexford Raiders during a warmup before a game.

“I was starstruck. You know mouth open, sitting next to a

player getting dressed in the dressroom to go out and skate around the rink and stand on the red line for the national anthem. I’ll never forget that,” he said. “I even remember the guy’s name, which years later I played with in the American Hockey League with a guy that was on that team. He was laughing because I said the name ... he said that guy probably only played 10 games that year and then quit hockey. But I thought he was Wayne Gretzky. The guy was nice. He gave me a pat on the butt and talked to me, which I was just star-struck and probably found out maybe 15 years later he wasn’t a good hockey player. Obviously, he was a good person.”

Wilson emphasized this hockey team venture isn’t about making money.

He asks the community to show its support through ticket sales and sponsorships to ensure the team is viable.

“If there is any money left over, we’re going to use it to make the team better the next year. To have a really good team ... the older players aren’t going to pay, so we have to work some financial deal with them to get them to come. That’s the only way to have a good team. It’s important for the public to realize that this isn’t a profitable thing for me,” he said.

He adds the projected costs for the dressing room has grown to close to \$200,000 because of the requirement to have an engineer and architect for the redesign of the space.

Close to Belleville, the Wellington Dukes are similar to Haliburton County and is being used as a model because of its ability to operate and for the similar market size for success, Wilson said. They will see upwards of 600 people attending their games.

Although the Highlands community can’t match the population of larger centres such as Trenton, this community has shown its ability to punch above its weight.

Within a few days, there were 60 season tickets sold. This is in stark contrast to the team’s past home location of Whitby where there weren’t any sold.

“But the community spirit here is such that I think between the sponsors, the interest in the team and people that will come to the game, I still think it can work, so we’re going to give a shot and see,” he said.

Ramsay said learning about the sale of dozens of season memberships is reason to be optimistic and appreciative for the support.

“We’re really happy that the community is supporting it already. We’re excited to get going and thankful to everyone, who has helped us along way so far,” he said.

For more information about season tickets, merchandise, sponsorship and volunteering see the team website [www.huskieshockey.ca](http://www.huskieshockey.ca).

## Shoreline Preservation Bylaw – Concerns over the firm that was hired!

After months of shoreline discussion, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association applauded the decision of the County councilors to allow an outside, unbiased firm help shape the Shoreline Preservation Bylaw. We were looking forward to working alongside the County of Haliburton and the firm that would be awarded the RFP. As a collective we were confident that the end result would help sustain the pristine conditions of our local lakes but not negatively impact our local economy.

We were following the progress of the RFP intently but we were not interested in spreading misinformation and propaganda like some of the other local stakeholders in the community. However, after discovering who was awarded the contract for the RFP, we have deep concerns. The existing relationship this firm has with some of the other stakeholder groups involved is something that should have been researched by the committee that awarded the RFP. The HCHBA feels that if the County wants this process to be fair and unbiased that this issue needs to be resolved in a timely manner.

We at HCHBA, are in favour of a Shoreline Preservation Bylaw, the request to have it reasonable for property owners and sustain water quality is a delicate balance. Our children and grandchildren depend on the solutions we come up with.



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## Getting back to the greens

Golfers all over the province returned to the links recently, as seen here at the Blairhampton Golf Club on May 28, following the lifting of provincial restrictions to outdoor activities such as golf, tennis and basketball. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Above, golf carts are lined up, leading to a golfer readying for a shot to the eighteenth hole at the Blairhampton Golf Club on May 28, following the easing of provincial restrictions to outdoor activities such as golf, tennis and basketball. The provincial stay-at-home order remains in place until June 16. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, a golfer watches his putt on the 18th hole.

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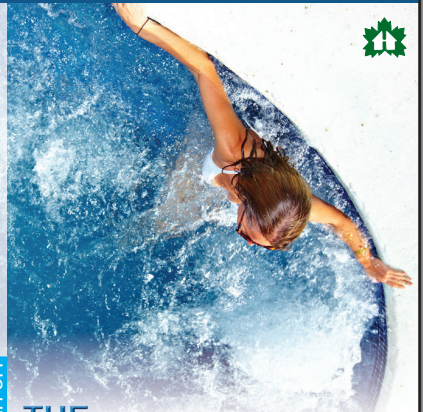
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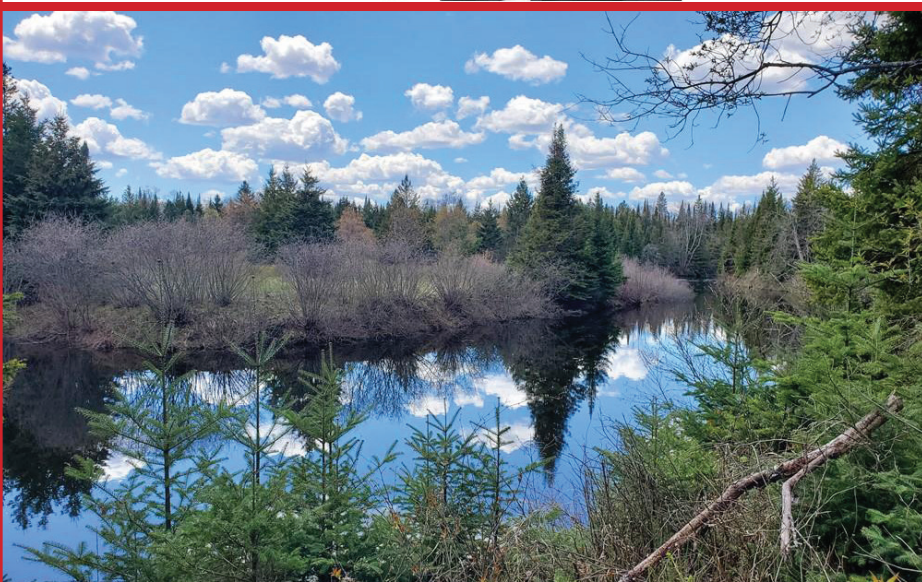
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## RUSSELL, W. Neil, Colonel OMM, CD

Peacefully passed away on Friday, May 21, 2021 at University Hospital. Neil Russell was born in his grandparents' farmhouse near Minden, Haliburton County, Ontario on June 15, 1935. Although he subsequently travelled the world and lived in several parts of it, he always called Haliburton County "home."

Graduation from the Royal Military College, Kingston, and later an engineering degree from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, launched Neil on a 33-year career as an officer and pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force. His logbook totaled some 6,500 flying hours, first as a Cold War fighter pilot on NATO duty in West Germany and France, later as a flying instructor, and then over 3,500 hours on the C-130 Hercules four-engine transport. As a Lieutenant Colonel, he was the Commanding Officer of 436 Transport Squadron, Trenton, Ontario and later, promoted to Colonel, the Deputy Commander (Operations) of Air Transport Group. His ground jobs included several years in intelligence and long-range planning as well as Canadian Forces Attaché to Italy and Greece. When he retired as a Colonel in 1985, he was Director of Operational Planning, National Defense Headquarters, in Ottawa. He was awarded the Order of Military Merit (OMM), presented to him by the Governor General. Near the age of 50, Neil retired early to start an eleven-year career as an executive in the industry.

On his second retirement in 1998, he and his wife, Elsa, moved to London, Ontario, where Elsa was raised. Once settled in London, Neil took up golf which he enjoyed for several years until his back prevented him from playing. In retirement, he enjoyed choir singing and community volunteering, as well as his perennial love, travel.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no public commemorations of Neil's passing. Significantly, however, his ashes will be taken back to his "home" in Haliburton where they will be interred in the Russell family plot, under the pines in the beautiful 12 Mile Lake Cemetery, marked by a black granite memorial inscribed with the motto of the Royal Military College of Canada: "Truth, Duty, Valor," words which guided Neil through a successful military and business career. Online condolences are available by visiting [www.westviewfuneralchapel.com](http://www.westviewfuneralchapel.com)



## Sigrid "Siggi" Debes (nee Schaefer)

(Resident of Haliburton)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on May 25, 2021 in her 83rd year. Much loved wife of Herbert Debes for over 63 years.

Loving mother of Karen, Cathy, Glenn and Jennifer. Fondly remembered by her ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Your inspiring smile, your Joie de vivre, and above all your love for family and faith will be forever treasured.

Your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, community, congregation and your loving husband of 63 years will all sorely miss you.

You left us in style, lipstick, earrings and a smile...we are so proud of you. A life time of memories will sustain us.

Isaiah 41:13 "For I, Jehovah your God, am grasping your right hand, The one saying to you..." Do not be afraid. I will help you".

### Private Graveside Service

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## Jennifer Marie Wahlroth

October 22, 1960 — May 25, 2021

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Jennifer was much beloved by her family and leaves to mourn: her mother Nancy Wahlroth, father Michael Wahlroth (Vera Wahlroth), sister and best friend Susan Wahlroth (Mark McDonald) and their children Duncan, Jack, and Chelsea Suggitt (Devon Suggitt and baby Gordie), and brother Michael

Wahlroth (Anne Macdonald) and their children Riley and Carter. Jennifer was a dedicated and hands-on aunt and will be deeply missed by her niece and nephews.

Jennifer was predeceased by her husband Paul Rosset (2012) and also leaves to mourn the entire Rosset family.

Jennifer also leaves to mourn her aunts and uncles in Minden Hills, Ontario; Calgary, Alberta; Vernon, Nanaimo, and Pender Island, B.C.

Jennifer leaves behind a vast circle of friends who will miss her terribly. To her friends she was loyal, kind, generous, non-judgemental, and trustworthy. She was loved deeply by all of them for these qualities and for her amazing sense of humour! Jennifer wishes to convey her heartfelt thanks to her friends for their unfailing support both to her and her entire family over the past exceptional months and years.

Jennifer was born and educated in Toronto and attended the University of Toronto where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1984. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority throughout university. Summer jobs mapping geology during her university years led her to Yellowknife, Northwest Territories which became her permanent residence in 1988 and was where she met her life partner Paul. His career in aviation led them on many wonderful adventures and they were together for 25 years before his death in an aviation accident in 2012. Jennifer moved back to Ontario after Paul's death and has called Haliburton, Ontario home since 2014.

Soon after arriving in Yellowknife, she gravitated to the field of accounting and earned her CGA while undergoing chemotherapy after her first breast cancer diagnosis in 1999 at the age of 39.

Her diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer came ten years later in 2009. Over the past 12 years, Jennifer defied all odds and fought her diagnosis with grace and brave determination. She constantly researched clinical trials and new drugs and never complained or gave up the good fight. She endured years of chemo, cancer drugs, and radiation all while managing and running her husband's two aviation companies after his death. She was loved by all of her doctors and nurses and was probably one of the few patients who was on a first name basis and had 24/7 access to her health care team. Jennifer was extremely grateful for her team at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre led by Dr. Arjun Sahgal and her team at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre led by Dr. Philippe Bedard. As well, she greatly appreciated the outstanding and compassionate palliative care provided by Kianda Mauch NP and her team at Home and Community Care Support Services — Central East. In addition, she received very attentive home care provided by the ParaMed Home Health Care community nurses. Last but not least, Jennifer wishes to thank the wonderful doctors and nurses at Minden Hospital.

Jennifer was wickedly smart and led a full, exceptional life. She was well travelled, and an accomplished musician. She mastered several instruments including the bagpipes. She piped with the Northwest Territories Pipe Band and was honoured with the Floyd Adlem Award in 2008 for outstanding service. She also received an Honorary Lifetime Membership into the band in 2017.

Jennifer wishes to thank her entire family for being by her side during her long battle. Jennifer wanted to die at her beloved home on Moore Lake, Haliburton and this would not have been possible had it not been for their love and support. Her family in turn wishes to thank all of Jennifer's amazing friends and especially Leni Keough and John Decker who were able to provide outstanding palliative and end of life care for Jen when it was getting beyond the family's capabilities.

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation at [www.hhhs.ca/foundation](http://www.hhhs.ca/foundation) or a charity of your choice can also be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.

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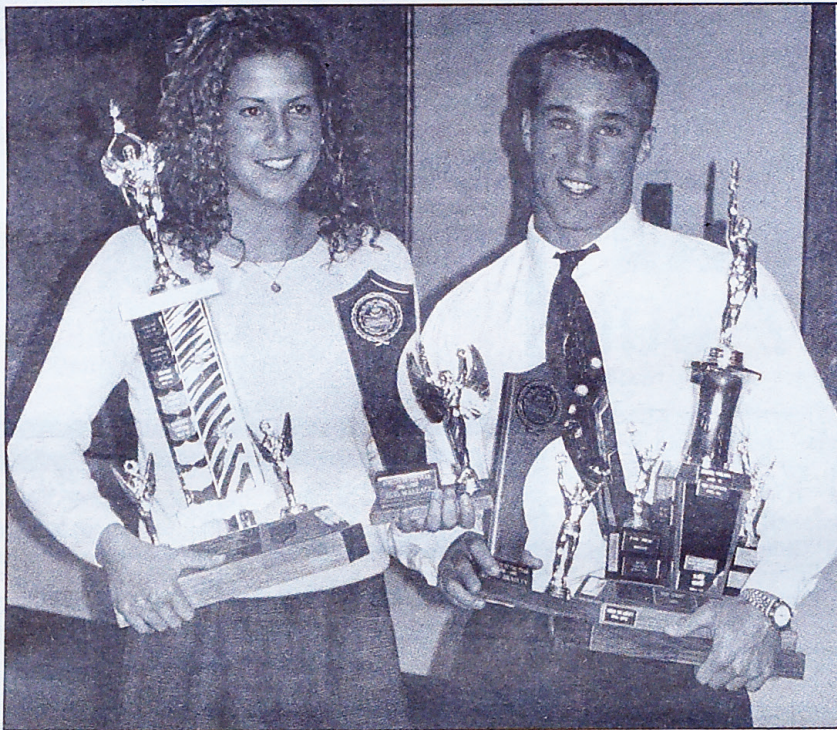
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## ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



Jess Wallace and Mike Bradley are the HHSS Athletes of the Year. The award was announced at the annual athletic banquet held Tuesday evening at the Legion Hall in Haliburton. Wallace was honoured for her outstanding achievements as the most valuable player in senior field hockey, badminton, and volley ball. As well she received an award of excellence for highest athletic participation and a major athletic award. Bradley was honoured for his participation in senior football where he was awarded two most valuable player honours and a similar accolade in track and field.

## Minden ready to welcome N. America's top choppers

Once again Minden is preparing to welcome lumber jacks and jills from across North America.

The occasion is the fifth annual Ontario Timbersport Championship. The event provides an opportunity to see some of the best in North America participate in a variety of competitions. Throughout the day spectators will be able to watch 16 different events including traditional competitions like axe throwing and pole climbing and more modern activities like modified chainsaw contests which Timberfest chairman Ted Anthon describes as, "a souped-up chain saw which melts through logs in less than two seconds."

The day begins at 9 a.m. with the axe throwing competition. Ceremonies to mark this year's event will take place at

noon when Victoria/Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson will join Reeve Jeanne Anthon to officially welcome the spectators and competitors.

According to Ted Anthon, close to 50 competitors are expected this year, including last year's over-all champion Dave Jewett. "Dave holds several world records and we're looking forward to watching him in action again this year," Anthon said.

"In response to requests from the competitors we have added a new event this year," Anthon said. "We have included a women's Swede saw event to the line-up."

Competitors are expected from across Canada and the United States as well as one coming from New Zealand.

"This is a community event in which we welcome competitors from across the country to

our village," Anthon added. "We couldn't do it without the support of our sponsors and the citizens of the surrounding area. In the past we have always received rave reviews from our competitors for the welcome they received here," he concluded.

Anyone interested in helping the organizers during the day is invited to attend a volunteers' meeting this Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m. in the Anson, Hindon and Minden council chambers.

Drivers should note that Minden's Main Street, from the bank corner to the Novel Ideas Book Store corner, will be closed to traffic during the Saturday competitions.

A schedule and other details of the Minden Timbersport Festival can be found in a separate supplement included with this edition of *The Times*.

## Lower taxes entice Galway ratepayers to look north

by Jerry Grozelle

Galway-Cavendish Township residents are ready to join Haliburton County if a group of 120 people who turned out for an emergency meeting Sunday at the Galway Hall is representative of fellow ratepayers.

More than 90 per cent of those present at the meeting were Galway residents (permanent and seasonal) and by the time the meeting was over they voted emphatically to pursue amalgamation with Haliburton County.

The emergency meeting was called in response to a Peterborough County proposal which was submitted to the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs. The proposal asks the province to force the Municipality of Galway-Cavendish to amalgamate with Harvey Township, a township to the east.

Peter Charters, president of the White Lake Ratepayers' Association and a strong proponent of a Galway-Cavendish (G-C) move to Haliburton County, predicts that a merger with

(more on page 3)

## O'Reilly wins in a close contest

by Andrew Milne

Liberal incumbent John O'Reilly survived something of a squeaker last week.

The final unofficial vote came down to 18,093 votes for O'Reilly, versus 16,974 for Reform newcomer Pat Dunn, a difference of only 1,119 votes.

Trailing the leaders were PC candidate Lorne Chester, with 14,166, the

NDP's Rick Denyer, with 3,524, and Canadian Action Party contender Charles Olito, with 501 votes.

O'Reilly's team, tallying the results in Lindsay as the votes came in, had a late night, and a tense first hour as early results see-sawed between the two leading candidates.

The first results, Minden's poll one, reported just before 10 p.m., putting O'Reilly slightly ahead of Dunn, at 103 votes to 83. By 10:15, however, with a few thousand votes counted, Dunn was leading by a slim margin of 50.

When the contest seemed finally resolved, shortly after midnight, and his challengers were en route to congratulate him, O'Reilly's comments roughly mirrored the national party's stance — he spoke of staying the course: deficit reduction as a priority, with some hope held out that the government might run a slightly more traditionally Liberal administration over the coming term.

"My main concerns are continued economic growth... the move towards fiscal responsibility, and making sure that

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Successful Liberal incumbent, John O'Reilly, left, accepted the best wishes of PC candidate Lorne Chester after the votes were tallied last Monday evening.

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Adele Barry  
705-457-0306

**Grass Lake \$1,199,900**  
• 4 Bedroom 3.5 Bathroom  
• 5 Chain Lake system  
• Lots of privacy on 1.8 acres  
• 2 min from Haliburton



Dagmar Boettcher\*\*  
457-5968

**Kushog Lake \$1,800,000**  
• 3680 s.f. Viceroy on .91 acres  
• 3+ Bedrooms and 3 bathrooms  
• Double car garage with upstairs  
• 110 ft west facing hard sand entry



Andy Campbell  
854-0292

**Free Market Evaluation**  
• Prices are up  
• Seller's market  
• Big demand for waterfront and bush lots



Gloria Carnochan\* & Breen Budel\*  
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**Little Kennisis \$849,000**  
• 4 Bdrm, 2- Bath, Extensive decking  
• Living Room Kitchen/Dr Open Concept Spacious  
• 140' shoreline, fabulous views  
• Cdn shield, Firepit, Enjoy Yr Rnd



Mark Denny's\*  
457-0473

**Haliburton Home \$759,900**  
• Apprx 172 Ft Rd Frntg, 0.58 Acres, 2428 Sq Ft  
• 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Open Concept, Att'd Garage  
• Partially Finished Bsm't, Private Veranda  
• Boat Slip, 2 Boat Launches, Private Park



Tom Ecclestone\*  
286-2138 x 226

**Delightful Country Home \$629,000**  
• 2100 sq feet of living space  
• 3 bedrooms/ 2 baths  
• Level, landscaped, private lot  
• QE Park at your doorstep



Lindsay Elder\*  
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**Highway 35 \$999,000**  
• Great commercial lot right on Highway 35  
• Close to new business developments  
• Fantastic business opportunity



Melanie Hevesi\*\*  
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Andrew Hodgson\*\*  
286-2138 x 229

**Haliburton Lake \$750,000**  
• 3-Season cottage sitting directly on the lake  
• Perfectly flat lot with Eastern exposure  
• Clean shoreline, boathouse at water's edge  
• Deep water off the dock



Susanne James\* & Andy Mosher\*\*  
457-2128 x 133

**Mink Rd.**  
• Approx 1 acre, nicely forested, good privacy  
• Close to public access to Long/Miskwabi Lake  
• Year-round Municipal Road access  
• Minutes to Haliburton Village



David Lee\*  
286-2138 x 227

**Minden Home \$199,000**  
• 2 bedroom home close to town.  
• New Fap furnace, roof resingled 3 yrs ago.  
• Easy access needs some TLC.



Donna McCallum\*  
455-2054

**Drag Lake**  
• Scandinavian log home  
• 1610 sf, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths  
• Open concept, cathedral ceilings  
• Clean, clear waterfront, large lake



Brandon Nimigon\*\*\*  
457-2128 x 127

**Fortescue Lake \$949,000**  
• 3970 sf, 6 bdrms, 2 baths  
• Restored log room w/stone FP  
• 33 wooded acres, 543ft waterfront  
• Usable barn for animals or storage



Karen Nimigon\*\*  
457-6505

**Miskwabi Lk access \$649,000**  
• 4 season chalet, 3 bdrm, 1 bath  
• Open concept kit/DR/LR  
• Private, includes abutting lot  
• Deed access to lake, incl dock



Kelly Kay\*  
705-457-8841  
Kirsten Rae\*  
705-854-1454

**Stanhope Airport Rd**  
• 2 bedroom, 3 bath, 1215 sf  
• Perfect starter or retirement home  
• Many upgrades, low maintenance  
• Central location, close to lake access



Darlene Reil\*  
447-2055

**Minnicock Lake Rd \$159,000**  
• 10 acres, nicely treed on year round road,  
• Only 10 minutes from Haliburton



Christine Sharp\*  
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**Make A Sharp Move & List With Me**  
• Waterfront up 70.5%\*  
• Residential up 45.7%\*  
• \*(The Lakelands, Median Price 4/2020-4/2021)



Greg Stamp\*  
457-2128 x 128

**Wilberforce \$799,000**  
• 3 bdrm, 2 bath country home  
• Extensively renovated  
• 1.39 acres, swimming pond, fountains  
• Stream, 4 waterfalls, privacy



Melanie Vigrass\*  
286-2138 x 232

**Ingoldsby Area Home \$629,000**  
• 3 bdrms/2 baths  
• Full walk-out Basement, 5.5 acres  
• 24'x38' insulated/wired garage w/workshop  
• Vegetable Gardens/Chicken Coop/Trails



Lindsay Wilkinson\*  
286-2138 x 223

**Mountain Lake \$649,000**  
• 3 bedroom partially winterized cottage  
• Clean child friendly waterfront  
• Fabulous western exposure



Andrea Wilson\*\*  
705-457-6694

**Percy Lake \$779,000**  
• Spectacular 4.5 acre building lot  
• 1000+ FT of clean rock & sand shoreline  
• Afternoon & evening sun, stunning views  
• Several building locations to choose from



Kirby Keks\*  
705-457-2128 x138

**Close to Minden**  
• 8.82 acres 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath  
• Walkout basement



Jim Allder\*  
705-935-1112

**Little Hawk Lake Cottage \$675,000**  
• 2 bedroom fully furnished cottage  
• Additional bunkie sleeps 2  
• Great views on 194' waterfront  
• Water access only.

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